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To FRIENDS of the City of LONDON and County
of MIDDLESEX.

DEAR FRIENDS,

AFTER a long and dark Night of Apostacy from the Spirit of *Christianity*, it pleased the Father of infinite Mercies to visit our Predecessors with the Light of the Gospel; by which they were led out of all Will-Worship, and brought to sit in *holy Silence*, to worship God in Spirit and in Truth: And as they thus waited upon him in Singleness of Heart, and were given up to follow the Leadings of the holy Spirit, the divine Anointing was poured out upon Sons and Daughters, and Gifts were given to them; by which they were eminently qualified for the diverse and weighty Services of the Church of Christ; and many were made instrumental to establish *good Order* and *Discipline* therein; without which, in the present State of Things, they clearly saw no Society could be preserved in that Comeliness which is agreeable to Truth and Righteousness.

And, as we are concerned for the Preservation and Health of the Body, we cannot but be affected, under a Consideration of the Loss sustained for Want of *due Attendance of Meetings for Discipline*, and waiting therein for Renewal of Strength and heavenly Wisdom, previous to entering upon the Business of the Church: This Meeting, therefore, under a solid Engagement for the Revival of godly Care and good Order amongst us, and that the Affairs of Truth may be conducted to the Honour of our holy Head, have judged it expedient, That the Quarterly-meeting for this City and County should be fully gathered by the SECOND HOUR; that a suitable Time may be spent in religious and solemn Worship, in which we may wait to know our Spirits divinely influenced, and be properly qualified to transact the weighty Concerns of the Society, agreeable to the Nature of our *Christian Discipline*.

And as the *irregular Gathering* of Meetings is an unspeakable Hurt and Interruption to their Solemnity, and the Time for Retirement in this cannot be expected to hold so long as in Meetings for Worship only, Friends are earnestly requested *punctually* to attend at the Time appointed. It is also desired, that no *Certificates* may be brought to the Two-Weeks Meeting on the Day the Quarterly-meeting is held, unless a Delay thereof will be attended with an obvious Inconvenience.

And, *dear Friends*, notwithstanding the Declension that is crept in amongst us, and too many are loving this present World; we trust, if Friends, in a Spirit of Brotherly Affection, unite their Endeavours to promote Truth, and advance its Cause, divine Goodness will bind us more closely in the Service, and we shall become Help-meets in Government, and a Strength to each other. Let us therefore endeavour to lay aside every Thing that would impede our Service, and, with Cheerfulness, discharge our Duty to God and the Church of Christ.

A Mind disengaged from the intangling Things of this Life, free from an inordinate Pursuit of temporal Enjoyments, and sincerely given up to promote Righteousness, and to answer the true End of *Christian Society*, will feel that sweet Peace which far surpasseth all worldly Pleasures.

And as the principal Intention of this ADDRESS, is to stir Friends up to a more general and constant Attendance of the Quarterly-meeting, we recommend this Branch of Duty to their serious Consideration.

*Signed in and on Behalf of the Quarterly-meeting, held by Adjournment,
at Grace-church-street, the 4th of the Second Month. 1760,*

By WILLIAM WESTON, Clerk.